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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2004 for three months from May 13, 2004 to August 13, 2004. Enclosed is a check for \$475.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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